

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 4-1-80

TO: Baker/Morrow/Umatilla/Union/Wallowa Counties & Cities

FROM: Wes J. Kvarsten

SUBJECT: Annual progress Review Reports 1979-80

Attached are the Annual Progress Review Reports prepared jointly by the County Coordinator and the LCDC Field Representative.

The Commission has authorized the Director to review and approve planning extensions as a part of program review. The Director will take action approving the Field Representatives recommendation by May 8, 1980 unless objections to the report are received. Objections must be received by the Director in Salem by May 1, 1980 and must include:

- a. the points of disagreement with the local progress report of the Field Representatives report; and
- b. the action or relief sought from the Director.

Upon receipt of the objections the Director shall notify the party, the local Coordination boards, the Field Representative and any other party likely to be affected, of the date, and place when the Director will review the objections to the reports.

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PROGRESS REVIEW

UNION COUNTY

Compliance Date: 12-7-79

Probable Date: 6-30-80

Recommendation: Compliance date extension to 6-30-80

Comment: Union County's request for acknowledgement was denied on August 9, 1979. The County was granted a planning extension to December 7, 1979 to correct deficiencies in Goals 2-7, 10, and 11.

Union County had contracted with Lynn Steiger and Associates for planning services. Between 1975 and 1979, Union County (excluding cities) received over \$46,000 in LCDC planning assistance funds. The County also received Blue Mountain Intergovernmental Council funds to cover planning costs.

Union County contracted with Lynn Steiger and Associates for Planning Coordination services. Between 1975 and 1979, the County received over \$42,000 in LCDC Coordination funds to cover the cost of those activities.

DLCD staff shared the County's disappointment in the denial of their comprehensive plan. Plan deficiencies were not of a controversial nature but largely omissions of specified goal requirements.

Hanley Jenkins assumed the position of Planning Director and Coordinator after the County plan had been completed. DLCD staff was pleased that the County retained a planner that was familiar with the state-wide planning goals and had kept abreast of land-use issues and LCDC policy papers.

The County is presently revising its zoning ordinance. It is also utilizing recent SCS soils data to comply with Exceptions Process criteria. The County is making satisfactory progress but will need additional time. The Planning Director has undertaken considerable responsibility. In addition to revising portions of the County plan, he has been charged with correcting deficiencies in small city plans. Union County is to be commended for acknowledging its obligation and assuming a responsibility that probably belongs elsewhere. The La Grande field office recommends a compliance date extension from December 7, 1979 to June 30, 1980.

PROGRESS REVIEW

UNION COUNTY CITIES

La- Grande (satisfactory progress)

Compliance Date: March 1, 1980

Anticipated Date: May 1, 1980

Recommendation: Compliance date of 3-1-80 to remain unchanged.

La Grande requested LCDC acknowledgement in August 1979. The request was withdrawn in October in order to correct plan deficiencies. The City expressed a need to address two areas of concern: (1) justification of the Urban Growth Boundary (which required a buildable lands inventory) and (2) City housing policy. LCDC granted a compliance date of extension to 3-1-80.

The City has completed plan revisions and has submitted them for staff review. Progress has been satisfactory. There is no need to change the City's compliance date.

Small Cities

City	compliance date	anticipated date	Progress
Cove	7-1-80	7-1-80	Satisfactory
Elgin	"	"	"
Imbler	"	"	"
Island City	"	"	"
North Powder	"	"	"
Summerville	"	"	"
Union	"	"	"

Comprehensive Plans for the cities of Cove, Elgin, Imbler, Island City, North Powder, Summerville, and Union were prepared by Lynn Steiger and Associates. All of the cities, except Union, requested LCDC acknowledgement and were denied. LCDC granted a compliance date extension to July 1, 1980 to correct plan deficiencies.

The City plans were adopted in 1975. They were financed in part by the Blue Mountain Intergovernmental Council. Most planning activities have been financed by LCDC:

LCDC Planning Assistance

	1975-77	1977-79	Total 1975-79
Cove	\$8,000	\$4,424	\$12,424.
Elgin	\$9,325	\$2,585	\$11,910.
Imbler	\$6,150	\$1,520	\$ 7,670.
Island City	8,450	---	\$ 8,450.
North Pd.	\$6,325	\$3,168	\$ 9,493.
Summerville	4,950	---	\$ 4,950.
Union	\$9,800	\$3,003	\$12,803.

LCDC found that most of the data necessary for plan revision was available. Since the plans were prepared by the same consultant, the discrepancies were similar. The planning consultant believed his obligation to the cities had been fulfilled. Union County consequently assumed the responsibility of assisting the small cities in their plan revisions. Progress is satisfactory.

City of Union

Compliance Date; July 1, 1980

Anticipated Date: July 1, 1980

Finding: Satisfactory Progress

Recommendation:

The City of Union has not submitted its plan for acknowledgement. After reviewing LCDC action on other plans prepared by Steiger and Associates, the City elected to reconsider its plan in light of statewide planning goals. Much of the City's concern pertained to Urban Growth Boundary justification (Union County had adopted the City's UGB on 1-3-79 by resolution).

The City requested, and has been supplied, with examples of acknowledged comprehensive plans. Their deliberation over minimum parcel size in residential areas has been concluded. The City is dedicated to getting the job done correctly. Progress is satisfactory.